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Hon. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20423-0001 OCT 25 2004

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Re: New York Central Lines, Abandonment in Dutchess County, NY Docket No. AB-565 (Sub. No. 17X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development

William R. Steinhaus County Executive

> Roger P. Akeley Commissioner

Richard Birch Assistant Commissioner

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This letter is to inform you that Dutchess County, New York, is favorable toward the idea of CSX Transportation, Inc. and New York and Eastern Railway, LLC abandoning approximately 4.7 miles of track and railroad right-of-way between milepost QCO 0.0 to milepost QCO 3.2 and milepost QCK 29.5 to milepost QCK 31.0 (the line) in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.

Please contact me if you need further information.

Roger P. Akeley

Commissioner of Planning & Development

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Singerely,



C: William R. Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive lan MacDonald, Dutchess County Attorney Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP Attorneys